

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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For: INSECT RESISTANCE USING	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009, Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time and the following response. (This reply is timely filed because September 20, 2009 was a Sunday.)